



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. 10/771,731

Art Unit: 3643

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**DECLARATION**

I, WADE MICHAEL SIGLER, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington and the United States:

I reside at 134 Delena Dr. Longview Washington 98632

I have used the following version of the invention disclosed and claimed on the above referenced U.S. utility patent application:

I am an avid sportsman and have been for several years. I have used the inventions listed in claims 1-4 and 5-10 many times to skin the following big game animals: deer, elk and bear. I have tried other products that are used in skinning big game built along Flachs design, the portable deer pole. I had difficulty setting them up on uneven ground. With Summerlin's tripod version it was easy to set up on uneven ground because of the pivoting legs. This is a feature that other products lack. Also both of Summerlin's inventions have a wide upper section with a pulley on each side to spread the animals rear legs. This Is very important for the skinning process. I have hoisted many animals That were 300 pounds or more with these inventions without straining a muscle. They are portable, easy to set up and easy to

use. Summerlin has invented two superior products that are unmatched by anything on the market today and I wouldn't go on a hunting trip without at least one of them.

Executed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2005 at Longview Washington.



WADE MICHAEL SIGLER